(c) and (d) Enrolment and release of new LPG connections is a continuous process and is made under the annual enrolment programme of the oil industry determined by augmentation in availability of LPG, bottling capacity, transportation, arrangements and other infrastructure.

**Industrial stagnation**

2568. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI RAMAKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial stagnation has of late set in, in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) According to C.S.O. Index of Industrial Production, the rates of growth in industrial production during the last few years have been as under :—

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| 1980-81 .. .. | 4.0% |
| 1981-82 .. .. | 8.6% |
| 1982-83 .. .. | 4.1% |
| 1983-84 .. .. | 6.1% |
| 1984-85 .. .. | 6.8% |
| 1985-86 .. .. | 6.2% |
| 1986-87 .. .. (April-August) | 5.7% |

Government have been taking a number of steps to stimulate industrial production through appropriate changes in industrial licensing and import policies as well as through monetary and fiscal measures and improvement in infrastructure.

**Conference of Federation of Association of Small Industries of India**

2569. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether at a recent Conference held on September 18, 1986 under the auspices of the Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India (F.A.S.I.I.), a number of problems now being faced by the small scale industries were placed before the Prime Minister, who attended the said conference; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : A National Convention on Small Scale Industries which was organised by the Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India (FASII) in Delhi on the 17th September, 1986 was also addressed by the Prime Minister. In the course of deliberations various aspects of small industries development such as upgradation of technology, modernisation, quality control, supply of raw materials, marketing, exports, etc. were discussed.

(b) The developments in the small scale industries sector are kept under constant review and suitable measures are taken by the Government from time to time to meet the felt needs of this sector.

**Revised date of completion of the mining Projects**

2570. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Ques-